

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW,
BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CLOUD, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL,
HENSGENS, JACKSON, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, MORRIS, POPE, PRICE,
REESE, AND SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g) and (h) and (2), relative
3 to student assessments; to provide relative to the use of assessment results for certain
4 purposes for the 2020-2021 school year; to provide relative to the assignment of
5 letter grades to schools and school districts pursuant to the school and district
6 accountability system for the 2020-2021 school year; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
11 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
12 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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16 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the 2020-2021
17 school year, the board shall examine the results of student value-added model
18 assessments and school-level test data and make such allowances in calculating
19 school and district performance scores as the board deems necessary and appropriate.
20 The state superintendent of education shall present a report relative to such results
21 to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education,
22 meeting separately or jointly, not later than May 30, 2021. The board shall prepare
23 a petition for the United States Department of Education for a waiver of the

1 requirement of issuing letter grades for schools and school districts for the
2 2020-2021 school year and submit the petition if it is the opinion of the state
3 superintendent of education that issuance of letter grades would be detrimental to the
4 state of Louisiana. The superintendent and the board shall present a report to each
5 committee, meeting separately or jointly, regarding this decision not later than June
6 15, 2021.

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8 Section 2. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g) and (h) and (2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____